

Mid-County Regional Center

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Wheaton Urban District

- Small Business Assistance Program: Average disbursement = \$15,740. The Council and County Executive's increased maximum possible total disbursement from \$75,000 to \$125,000

Total disbursed in FY 2018 \$264,716

Total disbursed in FY 2019 \$321,296

Total Disbursed \$586,012

LEDC reports that 10 businesses have closed in the Triangle area since the beginning of construction. This is far fewer than had closed the year and a half before the construction began (19 closures). Furthermore, 24 new businesses have opened since the construction began. Of the 10 businesses that closed, 4 of them moved their business to another part of the County and 2 moved out of the County but continue to operate.

- Wheaton Arts/Cultural Facility feasibility study and plan: The consultants will present a final draft of their research and recommendations to the County Executive and Council President in June. Phase I of the report is available online.
- Wheaton Urban District A& E District has received 3 small grants from the Maryland State Arts Council: \$2500 technical assistance grant to photograph and map the public art in Wheaton for the website; \$5000 to partner with Montgomery College class to produce videos about the traditional arts in Wheaton; \$10,000 for operational support.
- Safety measures on Georgia Avenue: SHA lowered speed limit on Georgia to 25mph; restriped crosswalks with brighter paint; gave approved to the County to put parking meters (non-rush hour parking) on selected blocks of Georgia Ave in the Urban District. Police conducted Street Smart enforcement exercises twice in April, citing both pedestrians and drivers.
- Installation of the third Wheaton Gateway sign has begun at the corner of Georgia Ave and Arcola Ave.
- WUDAC June Meeting – Stonebridge to come to update on art project for the Town Plaza

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- Glenmont Shopping Center: The stormwater management concept and the façade and parking lot improvement recommendations reports have been completed. Results/recommendations will be presented to the CE and Council President before meeting with the property owners to explore how to move forward.
- HOC and The Duffie Companies have engaged Mair Warner public relations/marketing firm to engage and solicit ideas and thoughts from the community about the HOC Wheaton gateway project at the corner of University and Veirs Mill.

EVENTS

- **4 Business Listening session for Mid County held May 13**
- **Walkable Wheaton Safety Audit held May 18th**
- **Mid County CIP Budget Forum held May 20th**
- **Upcoming Taste of Wheaton on June 2nd**
- **Upcoming Community Forum on Policing on June 4th**
- **Wheaton Pop Up Park – Sunday Funday on June 30th**
- **Upcoming Mid County Sparkles Fireworks on July 4th**
- **Summer Concert series start July 12th**
- **Wheaton Jazz Festival on July 17th**